

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LAW AND JUSTICE  
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR MODERNISATION OF COURTS  
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**Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of funds sanctioned for modernisation and infrastructural expansion of courts of the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether State Governments have sought Rs. 1500 crore for modernization of judicial infrastructure of courts;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has accepted the suggestions of helping and assisting the State Governments to improve the courts in various States;
- (d) if so, the total amount the Union Government has agreed to provide to the State Governments to improve the court functioning;
- (e) whether any modernization plans of the States have been received by the Government; and
- (f) if so, the details of the same and the extent to which the Government has agreed to provide the funds for modernizing the courts in the States?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

- (a) During the last three years, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme relating to development of infrastructure facilities for the judiciary, year-wise funds released were as below:

(Rs. in crore)

| Year | 2001-02 | 2002-03 | 2003-04 |
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| Funds released | 73.69 | 105.38 | 71.86 |
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- (b) No, Sir.

- (c)&(d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) Department of Justice has already funded the computerisation of 700 subordinate courts in four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai. Besides, funds have been allocated for computerization of another 900 courts in the capital cities of states and union territories. These allocations have been made in pursuit of the objective of comprehensive computerization of judicial courts in the country. Several state governments, from time to time, have kept the Central Government informed of their initiatives in computerizing judicial courts, and have also asked for central support in this matter.